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Land-holder.

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Sir,

I am writing your honour has been
kind enough to make life happier and exerting
help to make life happier and carless burden-
some for the poor. Kollegal is a backward
Kannada taluk in a corner of a tamil
district cut off from the rest by mountain
ranges and the Cauvery. Transport and
Communication are still far from satis-
factory. Illiteracy is rampant and
guarantees against Complaints to quarters
Capable of granting relief.

2) Food production in the taluk
depends on rain. Even the rainy the state
it has been very scarce this year. Food
grain production is far from satisfactory.
Except for eight hundred acres or so in
a Kegal village irrigated by the Cauvery and
a few hundred acres irrigated by the
seepage from Nigore water sources,
rice crop in this taluk has been a
grain failure. Such has been the experience,
though periodically, in past years. Keeping
in mind that the general and dependant
irrigation sources are practically rain
fed and Cannot therefore depended
upon for constancy or sufficiency
of supply. Attention has therefore to be
given to storage. Due to long neglect
the irrigation tanks have all been
silted up to saturation points. We

If the thousands of families who have been living on the cultivation of rice for centuries are not to be violently disturbed from their traditional pursuits to their certain ruin desilting of these irrigation tanks cannot be put off for any reason even for a moment longer. Ceramic or some chemical industries expert may be deputed to find out if the clayey and red loam deposits of silt will yield themselves to manufacture of rice fuel articles. If they do, it will cut down the cost of silt removal. The trunk roads radiating from Kandy down run on ridges along irrigation tank bunds and need widening here. Some of them require levelling up. The Highways Section of government may help this list by co-operating with the irrigation Section. Underlying the silt are vast areas of gravelly soil in some of these tanks which can be used for mending these roads. Both these are mere palliatives. Large measures are needed to restore these tanks. The cry for amicus like the political slogans has become common only to mislead efforts. Desilting of the irrigation tanks is of the first importance in this talent. Next to it comes the building up of the trivial bunds for the summer floods in the Gundal

ont of the agricultural season. Such
a measure was considered and exa-
mined and recommended to Govern-
ment at the Half-Yearly Irrigation
Conference in Udumalpet during the time
that Mr. F. W. Morris was the Collector of
Coimbatore. The scheme suggested was
to build a tank in the upper region
of the Amaravati in Madathi village by
shutting up a masonry wall over
a mile long and fifteen feet high
on one side, the other sides of the
tank being provided by the rise of the
land. With the transfer of those districts
the proposal seems to have been shelved
for nothing has been heard of since.

Another way of securing
against failure of rice crop in Udumalpet though
to a limited extent would appear
to lie in the provision of electric
power for lifting water. To the west
of Udumalpet town is the Honnudai river,
almost perennial in this part of its course
— it is in fact its terminal —; to the north
and north east is the Saraswathi Amaravati
Carrying the floods and excess waters of
the Amaravati river (as distinguished from
the channel of its name) and the seepage
of the rice fields on either bank of its
for a good length of it there is a flow
all round the year. A long and wide
belt of paddy fields along these two

Streams can be watered by pumping
from Rice streams. It is over a decade
since this state purchased electricity
in bulk from mysore for the use of
K.D.Legal. But so far only the Govt Silk
filature and the K.D.Legal town are
being served. The Panchayat Boards
in letting it for lighting. The ryot needs
1812 food more than he ever wants electric
lighting. But on some pretext or other
electricity for agriculture is being
refused. Mechanization in this third
postulated talk would be a great
help in advancing agriculture. But
so far as this talk is concerned forte
is yet to translate the proposition and
the theory to practice.

4) Arrangements ought to
be speeded up - at least in the matter
of supplying electric power for lifting
water so that a millet crop may
be raised before the end of the fasli
year to anticipate the impending
food scarcity.

5) This has been addressed
to you in spite of its receiving attention.
Hopes in other quarters have been
found to be misplaced.

6) Let me, before closing,
inform you that over large areas
in the taluk ragi and allied crops
have been a failure.

J. A. Hind

To

The Premier,
Govt of Madras,

Rev. dept.

P.W.D(J-1)

Memo. No. 1842E/53-1 dt 27.1.53.

Sub: Irrigation – Coimbatore Dt – Kollegal taluk – Silt clearance of tanks and construction of a reservoir across Gundal river – Request for

Ref: From Sri S. Ranjudiah, petition dt 23.11.52

An extract from the petition cited is forwarded to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) for disposal.

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To
The C. E (I)
(with an extract
of para 2 on
pp. 1-3 of)

C. No. 1842E/53

P.W.D.(E.I)

Sub: Improvements and amenities to Kollegal area - petition of S. Nanjundiah d/23.11.52

Please see the petition of S. Nanjundiah addressed to C.M. at pp 1-4 cf. With reg to the request in paras 3 & 4 on pp 3-4 cf regarding extension of supply of power to Kollegal, it is submitted that the question of extension of supply of power to Kollegal area is being dealt with in L.F. below. Vide pp 5-8 n.f. of L.F. No separate action seems necessary on this. An extract of the petition may be added to L.F. (X)

pp 1-4 cf

pp 3-4 cf

L.F. 92461E/52

L.F. below

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Through J.

with reg to para 2 on pp 1-3 cf

Para 2 on pp. 1-3 cf: The request is for the withdrawal clearance of links in Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore Dt. and also for the construction of a reservoir across Hundal river.

As regards the construction of a reservoir across Hundal, it is submitted that the matter is already under consideration. However, in view of the other request an extract may be forwarded to the C.E(I) for disposal.

Draft Memo. submitted for approval.

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(X) Extract added to File 92461E/52